

REMARKS

Applicants' attorney wishes to thank Examiner Cole for the courtesies exchanged during the personal interview of February 8, 2006. As shown above, independent claim 1 has been amended as we discussed in the interview. Support for the amendment can be found throughout the present application and figures. See, e.g., pg. 10, lines 11-16; pg. 25, lines 6-16; and Figs. 6-10 and 13-23. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

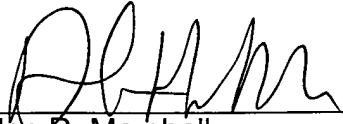
As admitted by the Examiner in the interview, independent claims 1, 29, and 47 are not anticipated by or obvious in view of EP 1,212,974. For example, as discussed in the interview, EP '974 fails to teach or suggest a plurality of abrasive structures comprising an abrasive layer and an absorbent layer, the abrasive structures being configured in a stacked arrangement such that the abrasive layers and the absorbent layers alternate, which is required by independent claim 1.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance in view of the above. Should Examiner Cole have any further questions or concerns, she is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned at her convenience.

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